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SUBJECT: JUDITH JAMISON; ALVIN AILEY; STRADIVARI STRING QUARTET;

ALAN MANDEL

REF: STATE 277920, STATE A-5263, MANDEL/GARNETT LETTER

IN MEETING WITH ARIA REPRESENTATIVES NOV 19 ABOVE ARTISTS
WERE DISCUSSED WITH FOLLOWING RESULTS:

1. JUDITH JAMISON: ARIA DEFINITELY INTERESTED IN JAMISON SOLO
PERFORMANCE FOR FEB 21 IN OPERA. THEY WOULD NOT DISCUSS HONORARIUM
ARRANGEMENTS HOWEVER UNTIL THEY KNOW PROGRAM CONTENT AND LENGTH.
THEY STATED THAT WHILE JAMISON KNOWN HERE
BECAUSE OF PREVIOUS VISIT WITH AILEY COMPANY THEY WANT TO BE
SURE SHE DOES NOT REPEAT SOLO NUMBERS PERFORMED THAT VISIT. ALSO,
THAT LENGTH OF PROGRAM WOULD DETERMINE SOMEWHAT THEIR ABILITY
TO PAY SINCE TICKETS WOULD BE PRICED ACCORDINGLY. IN ANY
EVENT BEFORE FURTHER ACTION CAN BE TAKEN THEIR PART THEY INSIST
THAT PROGRAM CONTENT AND LENGTH ARE NEEDED. ONE OPTION (TO
INCREASE AUDIENCE ATTENDANCE THEY SAID) WAS IF PROGRAM WAS LESS
THAN ONE HOUR TO COMBINE JAMISON WITH ROMANIAN GROUP, I.E.
JAMISON WOULD BE SECOND PART OF PROGRAM OPENED BY ROMANIAN
GROUP. ARIA INTEREST SEEMS GENUINE ALTHOUGH UNDOUBTEDLY EVEN
IF OTHER POINTS RESOLVED THEY WILL NEED SUPPORT ON HONORARIUM.
WHOLE NEGOTIATIONS NOT YET AT THIS STAGE POST WOULD LIKE TO
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KNOW AT THIS TIME IF CU/ARTS WOULD BE ABLE TO PROVIDE FINANCIAL

ASSISTANCE IN THE RANGE OF \$1,000.

2. ALVIN AILEY: WHQEYE ARIA REPS DID NOT BLINK AN EYE AT REQUESTED HONORARIUM IT WAS EVIDENT THAT THEY WERENOT EXPECTING THE FIGURE. IT WAS LEFT THAT THE PROPOSAL WOULD BE PASSED ON TO THE COUNCIL FOR SOCIALIST CULTURE AND EDUCATION (WITH WHOM AILEY HAD ORIGINALLY TALED) FOR ACTION. ARIA WAS GIVEN ADDRESS OF AILEY AGENT FOR DIRECT CONTACT BUT WAS ASKED TO KEEP US INFORMED. FYI, THEY REPORTED THAT ORIGINAL DISCUSSION HAD INVOLVED DESIRE FOR AILEY TO COME TO ROMANIA FOR TWO OR THREE WEEKS DURING WHICH TIME HE WOULD TRAVEL THROUGHOUT THE COUNTRY TO LEARN OF ITS PEOPLE AND CULTURE WITH THE INTENT OF PREPARING BALLET WITH ROMANIAN MUSIC. OBVIOUSLY THE CURRENT PROPOSAL DIFFERS WOMEWHAT FROM THEIR ORIGINAL UNDERSTANDING. POST NOT POSITIVE WHAT COUNCIL RESPONSE WILL BE BUT FEELS THAT FOR TIME BEING

AT LEAST PROJECT STANDS LITTLE CHANCE.

3. STRADIVARI STRING QUARTET: ARIA EVINCED SOME INTEREST IN GROUP BUT WOULD LIKE TO KNOW PROPOSED PROGRAM (THEY DONOT WANT MODERN MUSIC INCLUDED) AND EXACT TRAVEL COST RESPONSIBILITIES, I.E. NAMES OF CITIES PRECEDING AND FOLLOWING BUCHAREST. THEY NEED THIS INFORMATION BEFORE DECIDING IF THEY WANT GROUP AND IF SO FOR HOW MANY CONCERTS.

4. ALAN MANDEL: ALTHOUGH CU NOT INVOLVED WITH MANDEL REQUEST (HE WROTE DIRECTLY TO AMBASSADOR AND PAO GARNETT) POST WOULD APPRECIATE DEPARTMENT ADVISINGMANDEL (TEL 244-8484) IN WASHINGTON THAT ARIA HAS NO FREE DATES DURING TIME PERIOD HE PROPOSED. POST WILL BE WRITING.
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